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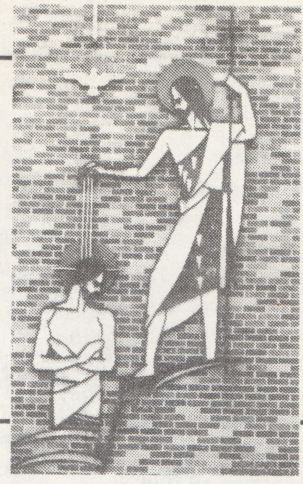

Just A Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

A well attended celebration of Forty Hours Devotion, concluding on our patronal feast day, the Nativity of John the Baptist, and the end of another fiscal year are pleasant and marked moments in the staccato pace of life here at St. John's. To all of your who shared so actively in this special time of prayerful thanksgiving, thank you. It was particularly edifying to see several family members praying together during the three days of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Such witness bespeaks a faith which is the foundation of any Christian community.

We are especially grateful to Fr. Robert Kerr for the beautiful homilies he preached on Sunday and Monday evenings. We were privileged to have Bishop Sullivan and Fr. King join us as celebrants of the closing services on those two evenings respectively. Our faithful collaborator, Joe Weber, found himself well immersed in planning many facets of the celebration as did Mike Williams, Pat Sullivan and Altar Boys, Inc. An extra special thanks is due to the Sacristan Committee who willingly assumed many extra tasks in preparing for our celebration, particularly, Margaret Budinger, Betty Vargo, Emma Weber, Nancy Wagner, and Irene Screpper. We are appreciative, too, of Marie Stachlewitz and Ruth Lorenz for their special musical contributions.

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On Sunday evening, a buffet supper was prepared and served to the visiting clergy and seminarians thanks to Jim and Ceil Soraruf. Thanks to them and to the

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LETTER FROM A PARISHIONER

by David Rocha

For the past several years my doctor had been treating me for a severe kidney infection. Last year my doctor told me that all symptoms, following several tests and surgeries, pointed to a cancerous tumor in my right kidney. I belong to the Word of God community in Ann Arbor and last July they prayed over me at one of the prayer meetings and a week later I testified before the Community about my healing. Not being convinced, my doctor ordered me to have four kidney examinations during the next two months. All four examinations including surgery proved normal. I haven't had any medication or kidney problems since my last examination. Several weeks ago I was invited to go to Notre Dame University to attend the international conference on Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church to share my healing experience. The theme of the conference was "Christ is the Light of the World." I was privileged to share my testimony before over 25,000 people from all over the world on the 50 yard line on the football field. I was privileged to be on the platform with Cardinal Leo Joseph Suenens of Belgium and several bishops and charismatic leaders. I also received communion from Cardinal Suenens and a big hug from this man of God. On Saturday night's Mass with Cardinal Suenens being the celebrant over 700 priests and bishops from all over the world sat around the platform. After communion all the lights were turned off as a flame was ignited on the 30 yard line and a light was brought to the Cardinal and over 25,000 candles were then lighted throughout the stadium as songs of praise were sung to our Lord. I will never forget that sight. God was there with us. Some fifty physical healings were reported at the conference with many more being checked out. As for myself I have experienced three major healings in my body. And I just thank God for His healing power and love. I now know that Jesus' Spirit is among us as it is written in the 2nd Chapter of Acts, Verse 17. "And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh. And your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

Praise God for giving me this honor of telling others that Jesus heard my prayer and made me whole. Alleluia. AND I also thank Him for having me as part of the family of Saint John's.

——David Rocha

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Next Sunday, July 7th, at 9:00 a.m. the new members of the Parish Council will be installed. They are Mr. Ray Carpenter, Mr. David Rocha, and Mr. Gerard Wideman. The rededication of the present Council members will also take place at this time. The first meeting with the new members is Monday, July 8th at 8:00 p.m., at the regular Council meeting in the Library.

JUST A WORD

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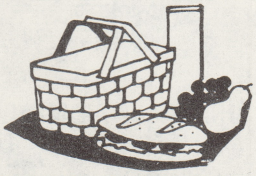
last - minute 'drafted' volunteers, Margaret and Mary Budinger for their helpful assistance with that detail.

Although the weather did not cooperate over generously on Monday evening for an ice cream social out-of-doors, the happy, spirited crowd in the church hall following the closing service more than compensated for the octoberfest - type weather. Because of sickness, Viola Smith and her mother were not able to be present in their usual capacity, which meant that others received eleventh hour draft notices. Mil and Lev Kerner scurried out for cakes and cookies; I gave a quick call to Baskin - Robbins ice cream parlor, and with the assistance of Service chairman, Natalie Motto Bowyer, Catherine Husse, Cathy Burdick, Nancy Douglas, Mary White and others, everyone was able to satisfy his sweet tooth and enjoy some comraderie.

During the social held in the hall, a few ventured back to the construction area to check renovation progress. Things are moving very well. The finishing stages to Phase I of our special project are about to begin. The Administration Commission will review the architect's plans for the first half of Phase II at its monthly meeting held last Thursday. Hopefully, construction of the new kitchen area will be in progress fairly soon.

As we begin a new set of ledgers at the start of the 74-75 fiscal year, may I express my personal gratitude for your tremendous cooperation and generosity this past year. Though we are a long way from 100% parishioner support in our parish financial statement, those who have contributed have been most generous and consistent in their support. The annual report will be published when it is complete. I think you will enjoy the picture you helped paint.



SINGLE CATHOLIC ADULTS

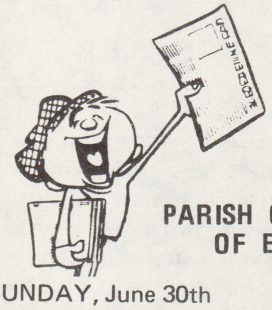
The SCA invites single Catholic adults to a picnic - barbecue at Ed's in Manchester on July 7th. Meet at St. Francis at 1 p.m. for car pools, or directions. This will also be an activity planning meeting. For information call Sue at 482-1942 or Roger at 439-7220.

Thank you.

SCA Publicity

A REMINDER ABOUT THE REFERENDUM

In the Ypsilanti Catholic last week a copy of the referendum to repeal the sales tax on food and drugs was printed. We would like to have you take special note of the many benefits that will accrue to the low income people, most of our elderly and even a substantial number of middle - income people. In order to place the referendum on the November 5 ballot, petitions must be filed. We ask that you would sign such a petition this weekend. In order to sign a petition, you must be a registered voter and the petition may not be signed more than one time. Also, you must sign the petition that is marked with the name of your township or city written in on its heading. The petitions will be found in the back of the church today. This referendum drive is supported by the Michigan Catholic Conference, the Lansing Diocesan Office of Social and Community Service with special help from Diocesan Office for Senior Citizens and the Council of Catholic Women.



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, June 30th
9:00 a.m. only - Baby sitting in Room 5 of the Parish Center

MONDAY, July 1st
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in the Parish Hall
8:00 p.m. Parish Council Executive Meeting inthe Rectory

TUESDAY, July 2nd
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning Meeting in the Rectory

WEDNESDAY, July 3rd
7:00 p.m. Folk Choir
7:30 p.m. Bingo, the doors open at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 4th - HAPPY HOLIDAY!

FRIDAY, July 5th
8:00 p.m. Single Catholic Adults in the Rectory

SUNDAY, July 7th
9:00 a.m. - Baby sitting in Room 5 of the Parish Center
9:00 a.m. - Parish Council Installation and Reaffirmation

MARRIAGE BANNS

II Annette Zebeda and Edward Ryan

REPORT OF WASHTENAW AREA – CATHOLIC COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The first meeting of the newly organized group was held Wednesday evening, June 19 at St. Mary's, Manchester. The meeting was opened with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a warm welcome from the pastor, Father Schlinkert.

Mrs. Marvin Kirk, St. Mary's, who is the new president, introduced the other officers - Mrs. Wayne Harvey, St. Mary's, Chelsea as Vice-President; Mrs. Fredrick Deighton, St. Thomas, Ann Arbor, Secretary; and Mrs. C. B. Budinger, St. John's, as Treasurer. Father Patrick Jackson, St. Patrick's, Whitmore Lake, has been assigned as the moderator.

Reports were given by the parish contacts present of the activities being carried out in their parishes. The contacts were asked to make inquiries about the nursing homes in their parish area and if they had any needs or what could be done to make the patients more comfortable. Parishes are urged to get signatures for "Referendum to Repeal the Sales Tax on Food and Drugs."

Mr. John Hayes, Director of Washtenaw County Catholic Social Services spoke on the many areas of social work being done by the agency, such as foster homes, short-term foster homes, adoptions, help for the unwed mother, the needy, those with drug problems; and many other areas. There is always a need for more volunteers, foster homes, and especially canned goods for their emergency food cupboard. He also said that Mrs. Elizabeth Berry who has been with the Agency since it opened 15 years ago is leaving as her husband has accepted a position elsewhere. Her leaving is a great loss for the Agency.

The September meeting will be a noon meeting at St. Patrick's, Whitmore Lake, with Mass and luncheon. The date will be announced later.

Margaret A. Budinger,
Parish Contact

Baby cribs with or without mattresses are needed.

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Anyone willing to open their home to a girl 17 or over would be appreciated.

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Call Jane Greiner at 483-4255.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, July 1st - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Prayer and Distribution of Holy Communion
2:30 p.m. - Distribution of Holy Communion at Parkview Nursing Home
TUESDAY, July 2nd - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Prayer and Distribution of Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY, July 3rd - Thomas, Apostle
7:00 a.m. - Prayer and Distribution of Holy Communion
THURSDAY, July 4th - Weekday
9:00 a.m. - Distribution of Holy Communion
FRIDAY, July 5th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Prayer and Distribution of Holy Communion
SATURDAY, July 6th - Weekday
9:00 a.m. - Prayer and Distribution of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. - John & Genevieve Nanry, req. by Joe Nanry Family
SUNDAY, July 7th
7:00 a.m. - Anastasia Oleson, req. by Clarence Fleishans
9:00 a.m. - John F. Dyar, req. by Maurice Dyar
11:00 a.m. - Lt. Charles Sinkule, 29th Anniv., req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sinkule & Eileen
12:30 p.m. - Intention of Parishioners

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

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ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

Week of 7/1/74

SATURDAY, July 6th
5:00 p.m. Jim & John Pryce
SUNDAY, July 7th
7:00 a.m. Tom & Jeff Anhut
9:00 a.m. Joe Slater & Ron Bureau
11:00 a.m. Greg Gillman & Jerry Moses
12:30 p.m. Mark Courtois & David Dupuis
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS
Rob & Jim Eberts

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 6th
5:00 p.m. .....Ed Look
SUNDAY, July 7th
7:00 a.m. ..... Dave Wheeler
9:00 a.m. ..... John Thomas
11:00 a.m. .....Phil Stokes
12:30 p.m. .....John White

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 6th
5:00 p.m. ..... Clem Budinger
SUNDAY, July 7th
7:00 a.m. .....Mary Wheeler
9:00 a.m. ..... Nan O'Hara
11:00 a.m. ..... Vera Clyne
12:30 p.m. .....Chris White

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SATURDAY, July 6th
5:00 p.m. .....I. Haug
SUNDAY, July 7th
9:00 a.m. .....A. Wagner
11:00 a.m. ..... J. Baker
12:30 p.m. .....R. Koehl

BIRTHDAY PARTY

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN ... when a certain young priest from St. John's celebrates his birthday with his parishioners. We will be celebrating on Sunday, July 14, the actual day, with a get-together on the convent patio. The Service Commission will take care of the preparations. If anyone wants to do something special for the affair, please contact Natalie Motto Bowyer at 482-4742 to offer your help for that evening. There will be a basket at the door for contributions toward a gift which Father will receive that evening and which will be an addition to his new office. We hope that many parishioners are able to set aside this evening to congratulate Father and enjoy friends for the evening. Beer and set-ups will be provided. BYOB.

BLOOD BANK NEED

Mrs. Marilyn Briggs has served as Chairman of the Blood Bank for our parish for the past year. She is in need of volunteers to help make phone calls to remind parishioners of the need for their giving blood when the bank is in the area. If anyone feels that they have some time to devote toward the organization of this much-needed service in the parish and the community, please call Marilyn at 434-1876 to offer your services. It is a difficult project for one woman to undertake if it must be done alone, so she would really appreciate your offer to help in this project.

K OF C BINGO GAMES

Knights of Columbus Bingo
Will be held on Friday,
July 12th and 26th at the
K of C Hall on
Michigan Avenue.

LIGHTHOUSE REOPENS

On June 1st, the LIGHTHOUSE starts its third summer of providing Christian entertainment and fellowship on weekend nights throughout the summer. The primary purpose of the LIGHTHOUSE is evangelistic, a place where the life-saving news of God's love and forgiveness is freely shared. Another purpose is to provide Christian fellowship and growth and encouragement in the Christian life. A significant part of the LIGHTHOUSE has been the quality entertainment of music, drama, and dance.

The LIGHTHOUSE starts SATURDAY, JUNE 1st, at 8:00 p.m. and thereafter will be held every Friday and Saturday night except July 26 & 27, from 8:00 until approximately 11:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome in the basement of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH on Washtenaw between So. University and Hill St. The LIGHTHOUSE is sponsored by The Word of God group.

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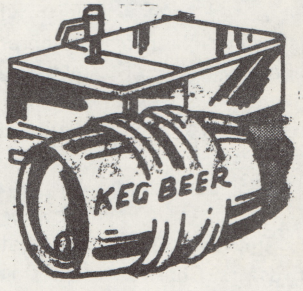

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JUNE 29

FASHIONS FROM THE STONE AGE TO THE SPACE AGE, Suds Factory, 2PM$ ($1.50),

JUNE 30

ROSE SHOW - 3-5PM, Senior Citizens Headquarters, Recreation Park.
TASTING SPREE - 3-6PM at First United Methodist Church$,($3.00 provides commemorative plate, recipe book, and plenty of tastes of prize-winning food.)

JULY 1

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON begins downtown at 12:00 in the parking lot at Pearl and Washington... watch madcap rockers compete for prizes.... While rockers are rocking enjoy the following: 12:30PM-MAGIC SHOW; 1PM-KARATE; 2PM-DANCING GROUP; 3PM-MAGIC SHOW; 7-9PM-ICE CREAM SOCIAL & SQUARE DANCE....Stop by Riverside Park at 8PM for SOUL MUSIC, and the PEACE SINGERS at 8:30.

JULY 2

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON - see who survived the night, and join the CHILDREN'S PARADE beginning at the ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON at 11:30, wear costumes, bring decorated bikes and join the parade to the CHILDREN'S BABY ANIMAL FARM which will begin in Riverside Park at 10AM. While there, hear music at noon, see KARATE at 2PM, a MAGIC SHOW at 3PM, and from 8 to 9 PM groove to SOUL MUSIC and the PEACE SINGERS....But...don't miss the grand opening of the JULY JUBILEE$ - a spoof on Ypsilanti's history to be held at the new Ypsilanti High School at 8PM. Be sure to come and buy your tickets early. Phone festival headquarters for more information. Also, save an hour or so to visit the SPORT-O-RAMA at the new Ypsilanti Township Civic Center. This event will feature free displays, exhibits, derbies, concessions, gymnastic and archery demonstrations, an EMU coaching clinic--and much, much more, including a parachute jump into the area at 7:30 PM...DON'T MISS THIS...to run from 4-9PM. Senior citizens will get into the swing of things with ARTS AND CRAFTS DEMONSTRATIONS and more....Phone headquarters for more information!

JULY 3

THIS IS YOUTH DAY - First, go to the ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON to see if anyone has gone off his rocker yet! The BOYS CLUB ARVIN GYMNASIUM DEDICATION will take place at noon. At 1PM there will be a WOMEN'S LIBERATION SOFTBALL GAME and BICYCLE RACES - call headquarters to join in the fun and to find out the place. Riverside Park will be alive with the sound of music from 12-2PM, with KARATE at 4PM. SOUL MUSIC and the PEACE SINGERS will entertain there from 8-9PM. At 8:30 attend the ROCK DANCE sponsored by the EMU Greek Council at the Suds Factory$ with music and good sounds from the MASQUERADE. If you haven't seen the JULY JUBILEE$ yet, go to the new high school at 8PM for an evening of fun - DON'T MISS IT!

JULY 4

Check in at the ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON to see if the MARATHON MANIACS are still rocking and then watch the PARADE at 11AM...Post-parade, have your choice of treats. The Ladies Literary Club will sponsor a LEMONADE STAND on Washington St.$, while their neighbors, the Presbyterian Church, will host an ICE CREAM SOCIAL$. Save room for dinner in Recreation Park at the KIWANIS CLUB BARBECUE$ from 1-5PM. While there, watch canoe races at 1PM and the funny and frantic FLOATABIES RACE in the river at 3PM. Save enough energy to go to the JULY JUBILEE$ in the evening, if you haven't gone yet. Call or visit headquarters for more information.

JULY 5

Today enjoy THE ETHNIC FESTIVAL in downtown Ypsilanti. There will be races, contests, dancing, singing, great foods, and ethnic displays celebrating arts and crafts of all of our forebears, whether they be from Kentucky, or Africa, or Italy, or Greece, or You Name It! At 8PM have a good laugh, see the JULY JUBILEE$....Is anyone still rocking at the MARATHON?!

JULY 6

See the REGATTA$ on Ford Lake...enjoy fast boats and a lake breeze, then have a bite to eat and enjoy the fun at the ETHNIC FESTIVAL in downtown Ypsilanti--includes SOUL, APPALACHIAN and OLD WORLD arts, crafts and food. NOTE*** Tonight is the last night to enjoy JULY JUBILEE$ - Don't miss it! Call headquarters for ticket information....

JULY 7

The REGATTA$ on Ford Lake will provide entertainment today...but to be sure you're not missing anything, give headquarters a call or visit. And be sure to purchase heritage clothing.